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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Appellants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals the final rejection of claims 1-29 set forth in the Office Action dated January 18, 2005, Paper No. __.

Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been

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established for this application by a previously submitted verified statement. Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$250.00 in payment of the small entity fee for filing a Notice of Appeal is enclosed herewith.

It appears that this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed within three (3) months following to the Office Action dated January 18, 2005, Paper ___. However, if this Notice of Appeal is deemed not to be timely filed, then pursuant to the relevant provision of 37 CFR 1.136, the Appellants hereby conditionally petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the Notice of Appeal timely.

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If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any surplus in the enclosed fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0735. A duplicate copy of this Notice of Appeal is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted

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